



2010 ADULT BASKETBALL RULES

The City of Torrance reserves the right to pursue any action deemed necessary to preserve the integrity of the League including: ruling on all conditions and regulations set forth for the League play, interpreting rules when needed and the right to reclassify any/all teams or individuals to a more or less competitive league.

Rules and conditions for League play shall follow the rules outlined for regular basketball in SCMAF and/or National Federation of State High School Associations (N.F.H.S.) basketball rulebooks. The Torrance Basketball Rules take precedence over the SCMAF and/or N.F.H.S. basketball rulebooks where contradiction(s) exist.

1. ELIGIBILITY

- The minimum age requirement to participate is 18 years old. Anyone who has played professional basketball, or represented a school as a team member in basketball during the current season is ineligible to participate.
- Anyone participating in any league game must have a valid California driver's license or picture I.D. in his/her possession at all times. If at anytime a League Representative (Official, Scorekeeper, etc.) asks a participant for his/her I.D. he/she **MUST** show it to the League Representative immediately. If the participant does not have his/her I.D. with him/her at the time the Representative requests to see it, he/she shall be ineligible for that game. If the game is already in progress, the player shall be considered an illegal player and any/all penalties shall apply.
- All program participants **MUST** completely fill out and sign the "Official Roster/Consent Release" form prior to the first game they play in. The team manager must turn in this form to the League Scorekeeper at the game site.
- Women are allowed to play in the men's divisions.
- Each player must sign the score sheet to get credit for game played.

2. PLAYER CONDUCT

- It is the responsibility of each player to read the Torrance basketball rules contained herein AND in the SCMAF and/or N.F.H.S. rulebook. Ignorance of the rules will not reduce penalties for rule(s) violations.
- Participants are not allowed to harass, threaten or deride City staff, including game officials. *The use of physical force with the intent to harm any City staff, including game officials, will not be tolerated.* The City of Torrance Adult Sports Protest/Disciplinary Committee will determine all penalties for those in violation of this rule.
- No one is allowed to drink alcoholic beverages at any City of Torrance parks per City Ordinance 49.2.6.
- Penalties for individuals who are in violation of Ordinance 49.2.6 (Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages), in the Adult Sports Program will be given a 'team' warning. If a second violation is reported, the team will be removed from the league immediately.
- Players and managers must to adhere to all Torrance Community Services Department Rules.
- Any player and/or team involved in fighting or unsportsmanlike conduct during or after a game, will **AUTOMATICALLY** be suspended from the League and will not be allowed to return to the league, or participate in any other Torrance Adult Sports League until given written notice by the City of Torrance Adult Sports Sr. Recreation Supervisor or Recreation Supervisor or their representatives.
- If necessary, cases of unsportsmanlike conduct may be referred to a hearing by the City of Torrance Adult Sports Competition/Protest Committee for final determination of penalties. Penalties for unsportsmanlike behavior may include suspension(s) or elimination from the League, depending on the severity of the incident.
- Any participant violating a City Ordinance, other than the Alcohol Ordinance, will be subject to discipline procedures, which may include suspension/expulsion.
- The League Director may place additional restrictions on any team based on past history at any time during the season.

3. MANAGERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- Managers are responsible for:
- Paying league fees on time. Teams will not be included in League without payment.
- Learning all rules and regulations contained herein AND in the SCMAF and/or N.F.H.S. rulebook AND conveying such information to all players. Knowledge of the SCMAF and/or N.F.H.S. rules and the Torrance league rules is the responsibility of each player. Ignorance of the rules will not reduce penalties for rules(s) violations.
- Attending the **MANDATORY** managers meeting or sending a representative.
- Turning in a legible "Official League Roster" by the designated deadline. Failure to turn in an official roster will result in forfeit of games each week the roster is still outstanding.

- Keeping contact information (main phone number, email, etc.) current.
- Handling the eligibility of each player and verifying each player's signature on the "Official Roster/Informed Consent and Release" form. Only rostered players will be eligible to participate.
- **MAKING SURE THERE IS NO ALCOHOL CONSUMED IN THE GYMS BY ANY PLAYERS OR SPECTATORS. IF A TEAM OR THEIR SPECTATORS ARE IN POSSESSION OR CONSUMING ALCOHOL, THE GAME WILL BE FORFEITED BY THAT TEAM AND THE OFFENDING TEAM WILL BE IMMEDIATELY AND PERMANENTLY REMOVED FROM THE LEAGUE. *Teams in the Adult Sports Program who are in violation of this ordinance will be permanently prohibited from future participation in Adult Sports League play. This penalty will be effective immediately upon discovery of the violation and is non-protestable.***
- Ensuring proper conduct of his/her team members and spectators.
- Ensuring that no food or drinks are brought into the gym by their team members or any spectators associated with their team.
- Ensuring that there is no smoking on the City park and/or school grounds by their team members or any spectators associated with their team.

4. EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

- Players on the same team **MUST** have matching uniforms with numbers on the back (numbers on the front or optional). Any player who is not in a team uniform will receive a technical foul. Technical fouls received due to uniform violations will not count as a team or personal foul AND will not be included in a team's technical foul totals. If there is a duplication of colors, slipover pennies may be available for one team to use.
- Must have uniform by the 2nd game played.
- All jewelry must be removed prior to entering the game.

5. GAMES TIMES AND GRACE PERIOD

- The Game time is determined by the Official Game Schedule. A five minute grace period will be allowed. The 'late' team will be assessed a three (3) point penalty to start the game.
- A team not having at least four (4) players present and ready to play at the scheduled starting time will be charged with a full game loss in the league standings.

6. GAME CANCELLATIONS

- If a referee or league official deems it necessary, a game may be cancelled due to ANY unsafe condition arising with the basketball court and/or equipment. Cancelled games will be rescheduled at the end of the regular season as deemed necessary by the Adult Sports Recreation Supervisor.
- If more than one week of schedule games are cancelled, they will be re-scheduled in the order that they occurred.
- The original schedule should be followed to the end of the regular season's games unless otherwise specified by the Recreation Supervisor.

7. GAME SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

- Game schedules, results, rules and forms will be posted and available for printing on the City of Torrance Official web site – www.TorranceCA.org.

8. ROSTERS

- Rosters must be complete with names, email, resident address and phone numbers for all players.
- The maximum number of players per team roster is unlimited, which includes playing managers and coaches. A player whose name appears on the roster of more than one (1) team in a given league, shall be eligible only on the first team he/she played for in any such league. A player must play one game in the first five games to be eligible to play in the playoffs.
- Rosters **MUST** be turned in to the League Representative at the game site before the team's first game.

9. ADDING PLAYERS

- Managers can add and/or make changes to their official roster until the start of the 5th game. *Players must sign the Roster Form before playing/participating in any game.*
- Managers may submit roster additions following the 5th game, in the following manners:
 - Fax (310) 781-7598
 - Email ddill@TorranceCA.org
 - In writing, delivered in person to the Wilson Park Sports Center (2400 Jefferson Street) and have staff time date stamp the document in and the staff member sign it.

- Roster additions made after the 5th game of the season must be approved by the City of Torrance and are based solely on replacing a dropped player from the team's official roster. **Example:** A team with 7 players listed on the official team roster after the 5th game must complete the remainder of the season with those 7 players and may not add a player to increase the team's roster to 8 players. An injured player may be replaced with another player only with the approval of the City of Torrance.

10. FREE AGENTS

- The Team Manager may request a copy of the "Free Agent List" from the Adult Sports Recreation Supervisor at (310) 618-2838.

11. INJURED PLAYER (S)

- After the 5th game, rosters changes regarding injured players may be made at ANY time (including regular season, playoff, and championship games) ONLY if written verification can be produced by the injured player's **physician**, stating why the player cannot participate further in the league and the estimated period of inactivity. *Written verification must be turned in to the League Director.*
- Once written verification is produced, the injured player may be replaced with a player of the manager's choice.
- When the injured player is eligible to return (ONLY after he/she can provide medical clearance) the manager may drop any player of his/her choice.

12. ILLEGAL PLAYER (S)

- Any team found using an illegal player (a player who has not completely filled out and signed the Roster form will be penalized in the following manner:

First Offense:

- Ø One game suspension for the Manager of record of the offending team REGARDLESS if he/she was at the game or not AND one game suspension for the illegally rostered player.
- Ø Forfeiture of the game.

Second Offense:

- Ø Manager of the offending team is suspended for the remainder of the season.
- Ø Forfeiture of the game.

Third Offense:

- Ø Offending team is suspended from registering for participation in the following season.
- Ø Forfeiture of the game.

13. PLAYER SUSPENSIONS

- Two (2) technical fouls on a player is cause for ejection; that player must leave the gymnasium immediately.
- **One Game Suspension** – Any player, coach or manager ejected from a league or playoff game for any reason, will automatically be suspended from participating in the next game for his/her team. The incident will also be reviewed by the Torrance Protest/Disciplinary Committee to determine if a longer suspension is warranted.
- **Two Game Suspension** – Any player, coach or manager ejected from a league or playoff game for verbally threatening any other player, referee, spectator or staff will automatically be suspended from participating in the next two games for his/her team. The incident will also be reviewed by the City of Torrance Adult Sports Protest/Disciplinary Committee to determine if a longer suspension is warranted.
- No Player, Coach or Manager Shall: Be guilty of a physical attack as an aggressor upon any player, official or spectator. **Penalty** – Immediate suspension from further participation in league games until status and extent of disciplinary action is determined by City of Torrance Adult Sports Protest/Disciplinary Committee.
- **Ejections** – Any player ejected from two games in the same season (from any league) will be suspended for the remainder of the season. The two (2) ejections do not have to be from the same league.
- **Disciplinary Actions** – Any player receiving a technical foul must sit out the next four (4) minutes of play. The offending player may only re-enter the game following a dead ball or time out. The offending player may be substituted for, except, a team with only 5 players must play with four players during the 4 minute penalty phase.
- **Disciplinary Actions** – Any player who receives 5 technical fouls for the season as a result of unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended from all Torrance Adult Sports Leagues, including Basketball, Softball and Volleyball for the remainder of that season following review by the City of Torrance Adult Sports Protest/Disciplinary Committee.

- Any team that receives a total of 6 player disciplinary technical fouls as a result of unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended from participation for the remainder of that season following a review by the City of Torrance Adult Sports Protest/Disciplinary Committee.

NOTE: Technical fouls relating to uniform violations, delay of game, etc. will not be considered disciplinary technical fouls.

- **Disciplinary Actions** – Players ejected from a game must leave the facility immediately. The player is expected to collect his/her personal belongings and leave the gym within a time frame determined by the game officials.
- All players serving suspensions must notify the managers of any/all teams they play on, that they are ineligible for the period of time set forth by the League.
- Any suspended player found not serving their suspension on all League nights will be subject to further disciplinary action.
- Suspended players may not be present in the gymnasium during their team's scheduled game(s) during his/her suspension.

14. REFEREES

- Referees have jurisdiction BEFORE, DURING and AFTER all games.
- Two referees will be assigned to every scheduled game.
- Each team is responsible for paying **\$30** to their game's official scorer prior to the start of each game (CASH ONLY).
- No game will start until the referees are paid. If a team fails to pay the referee fee, the game will be forfeited. The time will follow grace period rules.
- If an assigned referee fails to appear for any scheduled game, the game will be played with one referee until the game is completed or until the assigned or a replacement referee arrives. That referee will receive a fee of **\$40** (\$20 from each team).
- If both assigned referees fail to appear or they arrive late without enough time to complete the game, the game will be rescheduled.
- If a team fails to pay the official, the game will be forfeited and the forfeiting team must pay the **\$60** referee fee prior to the next scheduled game.

15. FORFEITS

- Any team that forfeits must either pay the referees on the court or bring the money to the Wilson Park Sports Center (2400 Jefferson Street) before the next scheduled game. If the money is not paid before the next scheduled game, that game will also be considered a forfeit.
- The forfeiting team must pay the full **\$60** official's fee.
- DOUBLE FORFEIT – If a double forfeit occurs, both teams will receive a full game loss in the team standings and must pay the **\$30** official's fee prior to the next scheduled game.
- Any team forfeiting two (2) games during the season will be considered to have disbanded, and will forfeit all remaining league games with no refund of league fees.

16. PROTESTS

- A PROTEST WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED INVOLVING RULE INTERPRETATION/MISAPPLICATION.
- Teams that did not participate in the game in question cannot make a protest.
- A protest must be reported to the referee in charge by the captain or manager of the protesting team prior to the next live ball.
- A protest regarding an "alleged" illegal player(s) must be reported by the protesting team to the referees in charge before the game is completed.
- The referees will then notify the opposing Team Manager or representative and Scorekeeper that the game is under protest.
- A written protest MUST be submitted by the protesting team to the main Recreation Office within 24 hours after the game in question along with a \$30 protest fee.
- If the protest fee does not accompany the written protest, the protest will not be considered valid. *No fee is required for protest of an illegal player(s).*
- A formal protest should include the date, time, place of game, names of referees and scorekeeper, the rule and section of the SCMAF and/or N.F.H.S rulebook or Torrance Adult Basketball Rules, and all essential facts involved in the protest.
- If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be returned. If the protest is not upheld, the protest fee will be forfeited to the City of Torrance.

17. PLAYOFFS

- Play-off formats vary depending on the number of teams participating in each League and can be found on the "Official" League schedule. The Recreation Supervisor reserves the right to change any element of the originally scheduled play off format if necessary.
- In cases where teams are tied at the end of the regular season, the following criteria will be used to break the tie(s) (in order):
 1. Each forfeit counts as an additional half loss
 2. Head-to-Head record of tied teams
 3. Point differential (points scored minus points allowed) of tied teams (Head-to Head)
 4. Point differential (points scored minus points allowed) within League
 5. Coin flip
- To be eligible for play-off participation, all players must have played in at least half of the regular season games. Managers must turn in a game line up for all games (including forfeits), for players to receive credit for games played for play-off purposes.

18. S.C.M.A.F. REGISTRATION

- All teams are automatically registered with S.C.M.A.F. (Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation).

19. TORRANCE RULES

- Players are allowed six (6) personal fouls.
- Players along the free throw line may enter the lane space upon release of the ball by the free throw shooter.
- There will be two (2) twenty-minute halves of running time, except as follows:
 - Ø The last 10 seconds of the first half will be regulation time.
 - Ø The last two (2) minutes of the second half, if there is a 10 point or less difference, regulation time will be used (stop clock). If the difference is 11 points or more, the clock will be running time.
- Time Outs
 - Ø There will be a two (2) minute rest period at half time.
 - Ø Time outs are one (1) minute and limited to two per half.
 - Ø Time outs may not be carried over.
 - Ø There will be one (1) twenty-second time out per team per overtime period.
- Overtime Periods
 - Ø FIRST OVERTIME - If teams are tied after regulation time, a two (2) minute (stop clock) overtime period will be played.
 - Ø SECOND OVERTIME – If the game is tied after the first overtime, a two (2) minute (stop clock) overtime period will be played.
 - Ø THIRD OVERTIME - If the game is tied after the second overtime, an additional one (1) minute (running time) 'sudden death' overtime period will be played. The first team to score a point will be declared the winner. If the game remains tied after the one (1) minute period, the game will be declared a TIE.
 - Ø All overtime periods will begin with a jump ball. One twenty-second time out per team per overtime will be allowed.
- Any foul deemed unsportsmanlike will be an immediate ejection and automatic one game suspension (future penalties will follow if necessary).
- On the 10th team foul the team in the bonus will shoot one free throw. If that free throw is made, a second one is given.

20. LEAGUE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- The League Director has overall responsibility to review all issues and rule interpretations that are not clearly stated in the rules stated above. Final determination of all actions of the League Director may be reviewed by the City of Torrance Adult Sports Protest/Disciplinary Committee.



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